

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

NEUER ET AL.

APPLICATION NO:

FILED: December 15, 2000

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS OF MACROLIDES OR  
CYCLOSPORINE WITH A POLYETHOXYLATED SATURATED  
HYDROXY-FATTY ACID

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

#2A  
HB  
4/3/01

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the Title, insert:

-- This is a continuation of Ser. No. 09/077,231, May 26, 1998, <sup>abandoned</sup>~~pending~~, which is a 371 of PCT/EP  
96/05279, Nov. 28, 1996. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2" .

Claim 4, line 1, delete ", 2 or 3" .

Claim 7, line 1, replace "any preceding claim" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 8, line 1, replace "in any of claims 1 to 6" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 9, line 1, delete ", 3 or 4" .